

THE GREAT CONTEST.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Remained Attack by the Enemy—A Veteran Corps—A Little Raid.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 7, 1864.

The following dispatches just received here from our correspondents in Grant's army:

HQ. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Nov. 6, 1864.

For several days past rumors have been in circulation that the enemy meditated an early attack on our lines. No extra preparations on the part of Gen. Grant are deemed necessary to the inevitable repulse of any assault upon our works.

The formation of a Veteran Corps, to be numbered the 1st, and to be composed of men who have been two years in service, is again talked of, and Gen. Hancock is named as its commander.

COOL WEATHER.

Since the rain of the last two days the weather has become colder.

HQ. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Nov. 6, 1864.

A brilliant little raid has just been made into Charles City County by Maj. Stevens and Lieut. Davenport of Gen. Butler's staff, aided by one hundred cavalry. They crossed the James on the 1st inst., at Bermuda Hundred, and rode out into the interior, securing the country effectively for guerrillas, of whose presence in that neighborhood they had intelligence. They had succeeded in capturing thirteen of the rebels, burning two of their headquarters, and brought in some thirty head of sheep, forty of cattle and about twenty horses and mules. They had information before returning that the Rebels had started a large party of cavalry in pursuit of them, but they managed to elude them and arrived safely today with all their plunder. They are in the spirits, having performed one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

The Rebels are shelling Dutch Gap with great fury this evening. Quartermaster Merrill had a narrow escape to-day while there from a shell, which fell at his feet without exploding.

J. B. C.

Review—Pickett's Fighting—Refugees From Richmond.

HQ. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Nov. 6, 1864.

The First Division of the Second Corps now commanded by Gen. Miles, was reviewed yesterday by Gen. Hancock, and presented a fine appearance. This division has been largely reinforced by recruits, and is now one of the largest in the army. Gen. Hancock was enthusiastically cheered as he rode along the line. After the review, the principal officers present adjourned to Gen. Miles's quarters, where they partook of a collation and spent an hour in social intercourse.

There was quite a lively time between the pickets on the left of the line on Friday night, resulting in the loss of a few men on each side.

Yesterday a good deal of artillery firing took place near the Evansville plankroad, but without less to us.

Last night the pickets in the same vicinity opened fire shortly after dark, and kept it up sharply all night. At about 11 p. m. the Rebels attempted to advance their picket line here to recover some ground which our men took last week, but our soldiers, being well awake, made stern opposition, and for an hour or two the exchange of compliments in the shape of lead was quite heavy. This is the old contested ground, near what was called Fort Hill, where firing has been almost incessant and extremely hot for three months for which reason the place was thus designated.

A citizen of Richmond arrived within our lines yesterday morning, having left that city four days ago. He was in the liquor business, but fearing that the authorities would soon seize and put him in the army, he concluded to take an unceremonious departure. He tells the old stories of want and destitution in Richmond, of garreters operating nightly in the streets, the high price of necessities of life, &c. He also says the Rebels in front of Petersburg are busy mining under our works, but at what point could not be ascertained, as a strict guard is kept in the vicinity, and no one allowed near the place excepting those engaged in the work. Very little faith is placed in his statements. All is quiet throughout the line.

W. D. N. G.

Later—A Charge—The Rebels Whipped.

From Our Special Correspondent.

CITY POINT, Sunday morning, Nov. 6, 1864.

The Rebels made a charge on the Third Division of the Second Corps, in front of Petersburg, last night about midnight, but were repulsed with dreadful slaughter. Loss on our side very slight. We captured about one hundred prisoners. No loss by capture from our side. This affair will probably cure the Rebel of any further disposition to make charges on our works for election purposes.

ILLINOIS.

GEN. SHERMAN'S POSITION.

Reported Evacuation of Johnsonville.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 6, 1864.

Scarcely of trustworthiness from below continue to indicate that General Sherman's position is perfectly satisfactory to himself and to all who understand it, and that Gen. Sherman is perfectly satisfied with Gen. Hood's position.

Developments are now progressing that will extend and delight the country.

Beyond this announcement, what news we have is contraband.

The Democrat contains an account of the evacuation of Johnsonville yesterday by the Union commandant of the place, who is also reported to have destroyed all the transports and gunboats near that place to prevent them falling into the hands of the retreating Rebels.

The particulars of the affair are meager and somewhat conflicting.

The Pirate Chickamauga.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 7, 1864.

The British bark Victoria arrived here to-day, twenty-one days from Miragone. She reports, Oct. 31, 7 p. m., saw a large fire-bearing S.S.W., stood for it and found a vessel, apparently American, of three hundred tons, on fire from stem to stern, spars all gone, and floating about, laid as near as the fire would permit until midnight, hoping to pick up some of the crew, but saw none. When we left the vessel was burned to the water's edge, and must soon have gone down.

The bark Speedwell, Capt. Dixon, from Boston, has also arrived here. She reports: On the 3d inst., at 10 a. m., long 63.10, was boarded by a boat from the Rebel pirate Chickamauga, on board of which Capt. Dixon was ordered with his papers, and, having on board passengers a lady and child, was banded for \$4,000 in gold, and allowed to proceed, after taking on board Capt. Thompson and four of the crew of the schooner Otter, which had been captured a few days previously, and has since been reported as fallen in with, scuttled and abandoned. The Otter was from Bangor, bound to Georgetown, with potatoes.

Capt. Dixon says he learned on board that the schooner Goodspeed, before reported as captured by the Tallahassee, was captured by the Chickamauga.

Eight Steamboats Loaded With Government Stores Burned.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Nov. 7, 1864.

The correspondent of The Journal, writing from Johnsonville, Tenn., says:

"Eight steamboats, loaded with Government stores, have been burned here to prevent them falling into the hands of the Rebels."

Guerrilla Operations.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Nov. 7, 1864.

Two small steamers were burned by guerrillas on the Big Sandy River yesterday, a few miles above Linton, Ky.

Death of Col. Sum. Medary.

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FROM THE GULF DEPARTMENT.

Quiet in Mobile Bay—Exchanged Prisoners from Red River—A Union Transport Captured.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 29, 1864.

Nothing of any importance has transpired since my last, and from present appearances nothing is likely.

All is quiet in the vicinity of Mobile Bay. I have learned that an expedition consisting of our light draught gunboats from Mobile Bay explored a few days since all the navigable streams and bayous along the Mississippi coast and found, but beyond some valuable information in respect to the country, natives, &c., the expedition was productive of no important results.

The people met were well clothed and apparently abundantly supplied with provisions. Not a single Rebel was seen on board, nor was there any evidence of the country being occupied by an armed force.

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